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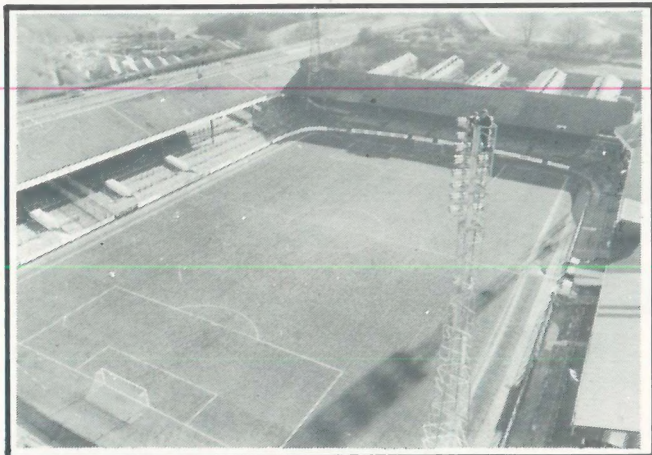
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# Notes from the boss.....

I AM sure John Rudge will understand when I say that we have a score to settle with Port Vale this afternoon. I think we have played some of our best football of the season in our two games against them so far - and ended up on the losing side each time. That hurts! We had the better of the League game at their place in October and I felt we had the better of them again in the FA Cup tie here in December. Today I wouldn't be too unhappy if we didn't perform quite so well - provided we came away with the three points in the end.

John has managed to strengthen his side of late and there will be a few new faces in the Port Vale line-up. Unfortunately one man who will be missing will be Phil Sproson, who sadly has been forced to retire from the game through injury. I wish Phil well, he has been a terrific servant to his club. Despite the loss of such an influential player, Port Vale are still going all out for promotion. But, after that very encouraging result of ours on Tuesday, I'm sure our confidence will be just as high as theirs.

I was delighted with the way the team performed against Wrexham. The win only came in extra time, I know, but they stuck

to their guns well and they earned their reward and their place in the last eight of the Sherpa Van Trophy. What particularly pleased me was the way the players adapted to the sweeper system I chose to play. We've played it before from time to time but we only had a couple of short sessions on it in practice here on Monday and Tuesday, so it was a credit to the particular players involved that they adapted so well.

We had been leaking too many goals for my liking and I thought it was time to get back to some of the basics. It was important that we had a good defensive foundation to build on as the game wore on - I think the system worked quite well. I don't like to single people out but Julian Darby and Mark Winstanley did well and Dean Crombie did an excellent organizing job alongside them. And I'm sure the supporters will have been pleased with young Mike Jeffrey's contribution. I counted about five particular occasions when he got into some excellent positions, showing a true striker's instincts.

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# Burnden Visitors



## PORT VALE

Currently lying in second spot in the table Port Vale are going all out in their quest for promotion. Manager John Rudge recently splashed out a Club record £200,000 for Middlesbrough defender Dean Glover and also signed old boy Andy Jones from Charlton on loan.

Their home form has been impressive with only two defeats against Chester (1-2) and Bury (1-3). Recently they had over 16,000 for the visit of Wolves, which ended in a score-less draw. Home victories have included Cardiff (6-1), Chesterfield (5-0), Huddersfield (2-0), Bolton (2-1), Swansea (2-1) and Aldershot (3-0).

On the away front they have had impressive wins at Preston (3-1), Bristol City (1-0), Wigan (2-0), Northampton (3-1) and Mansfield (1-0).

Dangermen to watch for today include highly rated midfielder Ray Walker and twin strikers Ron Futchner and ex City player Darren Beckford.

### PEN PICTURES

**MARK GREW (Goalkeeper):** Born Bilston. Signed on a free transfer from Ipswich Town in June 1986 after beginning his career with West Brom and then moving to Leicester for £25,000. Injured in only his third game for the Vale causing him to miss virtually the whole of his first season with the club but regained the No.1 spot last season. Has also had loan spells at Notts Co., Wigan, Oldham, Fulham and back to West Brom.

**ALAN WEBB (Defender):** Born Wrockwardine. Began his career at West Brom. and also had a loan spell at Lincoln City before arriving at Vale Park on a free transfer in July 1984. A 100% tryer he won the player of the year award in his first season through his consistency but was forced to sit out part of last season as a result of injury. Has topped 150 senior apps.

**BOB HAZELL (Defender):** Born Kingston, Jamaica. Solid central defender who has added much needed strength to the back-four since his arrival on a free transfer from Reading in December 1986. Began his career with Wolves before moving to QPR for £240,000 with whom he appeared in the 1982 Cup Final. Has also won one England Under-21 cap, and played for Leicester.

**DARREN HUGHES (Defender):** Born Prescott. Speedy left-back who cost £10,000 from Brighton in September 1987, after a spell on loan and celebrated his permanent move with a goal against Brighton! Began his career as an apprentice with Everton, appearing in their 1984 F.A. Youth Cup winning side and also played for Shrewsbury.

**RAY WALKER (Midfielder):** Born North Shields. A classy, stylish midfielder who cost £12,000 from Aston Villa in July 1986 since when he has exerted his influence over the whole team. An excellent taker of free-kicks he is also noted for his spectacular goals in particular the opening goal against Spurs in last seasons historic F.A. Cup Victory. Also had a loan spell at Vale Park in 1984.

**ROBBIE EARLE (Midfielder):** Born Newcastle-under-Lyne. Has made over 200 senior appearances since graduating from a Youth Training Scheme in 1982 in a variety of positions although his current niche is in midfield where his 100% commitment is invaluable. Scored 19 goals as a striker in 1984-85 and can also play equally as well in the back-four.

**ANDY PORTER (Midfielder):** Born Holmes Chapel. Tigerish midfield player who has had limited opportunities so far since turning professional in July 1987 after serving his apprenticeship on a YTS Scheme. Spent the last close season playing football in New Zealand.



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**DARREN BECKFORD (Forward):** Born Manchester. Began his career as an apprentice with Manchester City and had a loan spell at Bury before coming to Vale Park also on loan in March 1987. 4 goals in 9 apps. led to a more permanent move three months later for £15,000 half of which was funded by a 'Buy-A-Player Fund'. He was joint top scorer last season with 10 goals in 46 apps. and brother Jason plays for Manchester City.

**RON FUTCHER (Forward):** Born Chester. A £35,000 signing from Bradford City in July 1988 for whom he scored 19 Second Division goals last season. An experienced striker who should greatly improve the goals output, he began his career with Chester and has since had successful spells with Luton, Manchester City, Barnsley and Oldham besides sampling life abroad in America and Holland. Twin brother Paul plays for Barnsley.

**SIMON MILLS (Midfield):** Born Sheffield. A £35,000 signing in December 1987 from York City who has added considerable competition for places in the midfield department. Scored 5 goals in only 19 apps. last season as the club surged towards the play-offs and is hoping to continue to find the net at the same rate this season. A former England Youth International, he began his career with Sheffield Wednesday.

**DAVID RILEY (Forward):** Born Northampton. Cost £20,000 from Nottingham Forest in October 1987 and made an immediate impact with goals in his first three games before ending the season as joint leading scorer with 10 goals in 43 apps. A nippy striker with a sharp turn of pace he has also had loan spells at Darlington and Peterborough.



*Back Row left-right: Darren Beckford, Ron Futchter, Phil Sproson, Mark Grew, Bob Bazell (Captain), Trevor Wood, Simon Mills, Robbie Earle, Kevin Finney.*

*Middle Row: John Rudge (Manager), Wayne Simpson, Steve Davies, Alan Webb, Darren Hughes, Ray Walker, Mike Pejic (Coach).*

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# MATCH REPORT



A week ago today saw the F.A. Cup 5th Round take place with the last 16 teams in the Competition hopeful of making the quarter finals. Everton, who have never rally 'clicked' all season keep edging their way further toward Wembley and on this occasion a single goal from Graeme Sharp was enough to clinch the issue at Barnsley in front of a capacity 32,500 fans. They say there's a shock result in every round and many will have been surprised in Brentford's 2-0 victory at Blackburn. They now travel to Anfield to face Liverpool, who disposed of Hull at Boothferry Park. But 'Pool had their shaky moments and had to rely on John Aldridge's two strike to make further progress.

Manchester United travelled to Bournemouth to draw 1-1 in a close encounter but ran out eventual 1-0 winners in the replay at Old Trafford in mid-week. United now entertain Notts. Forest in the next round. Lowly West Ham sneaked through by the odd goal at Charlton. The Hammers seem to have enjoyed this season's Cup competitions more than the League programme. An own goal and a penalty for Norwich cancelled out the Sheffield United strike force of Deane and Akena at Carrow Road and an 81st minute winner saw the Canaries go through.

Cup holders, Wimbledon had a fright against Fourth Division Grimsby but ran out eventual 3-1 winners. Now it's all aboard to the quarter finals.

## THE LEAGUE SCENE

In a depleted First Division programme Q.P.R. paraded new signings Peter Reid and Nigel Spackman to take on leaders Arsenal, the result finishing all square at 0-0.

In the Second, neighbours Manchester City win 2-0 at Birmingham to keep up the promotion bid

and Oldham hang on to a 2-1 victory against Brighton.

In Division 3 in form Bury were held by a competent Preston outfit, 1-1 at Gigg Lane and neighbours Wigan went away from Vale Park empty handed against today's visitors. A Dave Felgate spot kick save couldn't keep Blackpool at bay at Bloomfield Road. The seashiders struck twice in the second period to clinch the points.

## THE SHERPA VAN TROPHY

Wrexham manager Dixie McNeil left Burnden Park last Tuesday fuming at the referee and line-man after Bolton gained entry into the next round, winning 3-1 in extra time.

Almost 4,000 spectators turned up on a bitterly cold night but it was money well spent just to see Mark Winstanley's 40 yard equalizer. The youngster headed a second in extra time from a Robbie Savage corner and Savage put the game beyond doubt with a 12 yard drive into the corner of the net.

No doubt Phil Neal will be happy to draw any of the remaining Northern teams at Burnden.

## CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances The GALA PERFORMANCE for Nat's Testimonial has had to be cancelled. Tickets for the show on Monday, 27th February, will be refunded in full from the place of purchase.





## 'POST BAG'

Dear Sir,

Could you please explain the reason why the Club has spent money on replacing the windows in the Executive Club and refurbished the furnishings when I would have thought the money spent could have been put to better use in purchasing a player to strengthen Phil Neal's squad. As an Executive Club member I would have been happy to accept the present facilities in order to see a new face on the Park.

Yours sincerely,

Disgruntled Executive Club Member.

### REPLY

The Club appreciates the remarks made in the above letter and sympathizes with the feelings expressed.

As far as the window frames in the Executive Club are concerned they were beyond repair and were becoming in danger of collapse. The Executive Club was becoming to look extremely shabby and to continue to encourage people to hire the facilities it was imperative that minimum refurbishments should be carried out.

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Dear Sir,

In fifteen years of following the Wanderers I have never written any letters to newspapers or programmes concerning the club. However, the disgraceful and embarrassing barracking of the CLUB at Sheffield has made me write four letters this week. I disagree with many of the ways this great club is run, but when standing on the terraces I endeavour to bite my tongue when frustrated and encourage the players at all times. I can only implore all fans to do the same to turn the club around - please read the following article from the Manchester Evening News before attending all matches! . . .

*Fan-tastic, Bolton!*

*There were 12,000 reason why Bolton landed the draw against Bristol City they hope will prove a turning point - and they were all to be found on the terraces and in the stands at Burnden.*

*For a crowd - 12,074 the lowest for more than three years - who had come to mock the dreary efforts of their side suddenly found their hearts as Bristol sneaked a headed goal after 46 minutes in a rare raid.*

*They realised there was a Bolton side out there, surging forward all right but without the conviction to trouble ultra-defensive Bristol. So they took a grip on the game from the terraces.*

*The clock was turned back to the good old promotion days as the mood swept around the ground. Swaying, heaving groups on the terraces and paddocks were joined in endless encouraging chants as the stands took up the call.*

*"I don't usually notice the crowd, as I was so wrapped up in the game, but you just could not ignore what was going on," admitted manager Ian Greaves.*

*"It was unbelievable. I give the crowd a quarter of the goal we scored. Without them, we would really have been in trouble."*

*Roy Greaves, who had had a header tipped against the bar by John Shaw, slipped through a packed goal-mouth to hit Bolton's injury-time equaliser from a delayed free kick by Neil McNab.*

*"He took so long about it, I died a thousand deaths," said Greaves; "I thought Neil had frozen, but he claims he was picking his spot - and you can't argue with him as it brought the goal."*

*Unlucky Bolton missed out on a penalty decision again when Jimmy Mann sent overlapping Peter Nicholson nose-diving into the turf.*

*But at the end of the day, there's still a lifeline to safety - thanks to the crowd who gave the players something to shout about.*

*GOALS: Rodgers (46) for Bristol City, Greaves (89) for Bolton.*

*. . . . The match will never fade from my memory, it shows one of the reasons why I fell in love with the club and emphasizes the role it's great supporters can play.*

*Ian Bell (Knutsford)*

*P.S. Please forget the "Trotters Revival" movement, and begin to pull together as in the second half against Swansea.*

### REPLY

Thanks for your encouraging letter, Ian. I am sure most supporters would echo your comments.



# AWAY WE GO

## GOING TO WOLVERHAMPTON

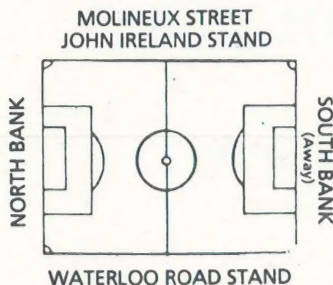
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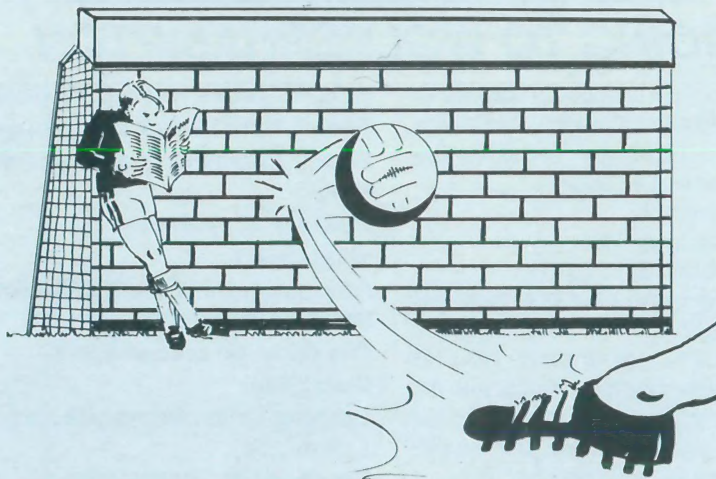
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John McGovern's hopes of signing an extra striker were dashed when offers for both Neil Whatmore and John Thomas were turned down.

## 10 YEARS AGO: 24th February, 1979.

Bolton bounced back into action after the long lay off with a couple of firsts against Chelsea at Burnden. The Londoners took the lead in the 36th minute through Eamon Bannon but a minute later David Burke equalised with his first goal for the Wanderers. Then it was Neil McNab's turn to break his duck when he slammed in a 68th minute goal to put the Wanderers ahead after they had been foiled several times by Chelsea veteran Peter Bonnetti.

## 15 YEARS AGO: 27th February, 1974.

The Wanderers extended their unbeaten run to nine games with a storming second half fightback to take a point from a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa. Pat McMahan gave Villa a 33rd minute lead when he headed home a Chico Hamilton cross but Bolton took command in the second period. The equaliser came in the 71st minute when a Peter Thompson free kick was headed into the net by John Byrom to record his 20th goal of the season. After the equaliser Bolton seemed content to hang on for the draw and had little difficulty in containing Villa.

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# RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

7th February, 1989.

**Notts. County Res. . . 4 v Bolton Wanderers Res. . . 0**

It was unfortunate that the Wanderers reserves saved their worst performance of the term for the promotion clash with Notts. County at Meadow Lane.

Centre forward Paul Barnes caused all the problems for Bolton with his ability to latch onto his sides long ball tactics which provided him with the chances to hit a hat trick.

Barnes had the first opportunity in the opening minute but was forced wide of the goal by Gareth Gray after racing clear of the Wanderers rear-guard. He made no mistake with his second chance however, capitalising on a mistake by Malcolm Jackson to put County in front in the fifth minute.

In the 11th minute Barnes was again on the mark with a shot on the turn from close range putting Notts two up.

The Wanderers failed to create any clear cut chances during the opening half with long range shots from Mike Jeffrey and Steve Thompson being the only efforts on goal.

Barnes completed his hat trick nine minutes into the second half when he again raced clear of the Bolton defence but on his occasion he looked well offside.

Bolton's patient build up play was in direct contrast to the home side but by giving the ball away on numerous forward runs they fell well short of testing Aidan Davison in the County goal.

Tommy Johnson hit County's fourth goal in the 79th minute when he raced clear to slip the ball underneath the advancing Gray.

Bolton pressed for some consolation and four minutes from time County full back Paul Cox scrambled the ball off his own goal line with Dean Crombie in close attendance.

With that chance went the Wanderers record of having scored in every game this season along with their unbeaten away record.

Team: Gray, Brown, Oliver, Thompson, Jackson, Crombie, Storer, Henshaw, Jeffrey, Stevens, Chandler. Subs: Spooner for Jackson, Callaghan for Stevens.

## CENTRAL LEAGUE-DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hull City	20	15	1	4	49	27	46
Notts.County	23	13	6	4	55	31	45
Bolton Wand.	21	13	5	3	52	28	44
Bradford City	20	12	4	4	52	33	40
Middlesbrough	19	10	4	5	39	27	34
Oldham Ath.	19	10	4	5	39	27	34
Stoke City	21	8	7	6	31	28	31
York City	24	8	5	11	37	40	29
Grimsby Town	23	8	4	11	31	42	28
Mansfield Town	21	6	9	6	38	32	27
Blackpool	20	8	3	9	37	47	27
Darlington	22	7	5	10	30	40	26
Port Vale	23	7	4	12	33	41	25
Preston N.E.	19	7	2	10	34	34	23
Rotherham Utd.	21	6	4	11	35	45	22
Wigan Ath.	21	4	8	9	23	37	20
Scunthorpe Utd.	21	4	4	13	23	45	16
Doncaster R.	23	3	3	17	25	66	12

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Getting back to reality and today sees second in the table Port Vale as visitors and the rumours are we are in for the invasion of the Penguins. But not the little chocolate ones that we can all purchase from the Normid Superstore next to the ground (sorry folks, but just had to get in

a little ad there for today's Match Sponsor - United Co-op - you never know they might just give me a bit of divi for doing so), but the inflatable version and from all accounts the Vale supporters will be well supplied with them today.

Now the question is, what would the Bolton supporters like to start off here as the inflatable craze? Manchester City have bananas, Grimsby have fish, Bury have black puddings and of course Wigan have pies. But the manager of the Club shop here at Burnden would like to hear from you with your suggestions, but please keep them clean and he will do all he can to oblige.

On closing today, I would just like to mention the tremendous support last weekend at Blackpool. Even though the result was not what we wanted, it just proves that Bolton supporters are the best with over 2,000 at the seaside and the majority giving plenty of vocal support which at times made you wonder who was the home team. Let's just get behind the lads today in that manner and come quarter-to-five, hopefully three points will have been secured.



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## RECOLLECTIONS

Although Port Vale have ended their poor sequence of results against the Wanderers, with two victories already this season, Bolton will today be looking to keep up their one hundred per cent success rate against Vale in League games at Burnden.

Our paths first crossed in January 1900 here at Burnden with the Wanderers winning 5-0. Tom McAteer hit a hat trick whilst the other two goals were credited to Bob Jack, father of David and Rollo who in later years were to star for the club.

The following April Bolton completed the first of five League doubles against Vale when two goals from Laurie Bell settled the issue and gave the club runners up spot in the Second Division.

Bolton reeled out seven consecutive victories over the Potteries club before a 0-0 draw in April 1934 ended the sequence. Indeed this is the only occasion that Vale have managed to keep a clean sheet against the Wanderers.

After again completing the double in 1934/35, in which promotion to the First Division was won, Bolton didn't face Vale again until October 1971 when a 1-1 draw resulted in a Third Division game at Vale Park.

More recently the Wanderers won 2-1 at Vale in October 1983, with goals from Jeff Chandler and Tony Caldwell, whilst two Caldwell goals was the difference between the sides at Burnden the following February.

Vale's last visit to Burnden for a League game was in September 1986, the Wanderers being successful to the tune of 3-0 with goals from Caldwell, Steve Elliott and Warren Joyce.

This season it needed a last gasp goal from Port Vale to earn their first League win over Bolton. Nicky Brookman canceled out a David Riley goal before Ray Walker hit the home sides winner in the 99th minute of the game!

In the second round of the FA Cup Vale recorded an identical scoreline, this time coming from behind to secure victory at Burnden.

Our League record against Port Vale is as follows:

	PI	W	D	L	F	A
Home	9	9	0	0	28	1
Away	10	5	4	2	17	11
Total	19	14	4	2	45	12



*Picture shows Gerry McElhinney head over the bar for Bolton in their 2-0 win at Burnden over Vale in February 1984.*

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# NATS DIARY

## A REVIEW OF NATS INTERNATIONAL CAREER

ENGLAND 2 v URUGUAY 4

No. 21

26th June, 1954.

England went out of the World Cup a single stride short of the semi-finals in the sweltering heat of St. Jakob's Stadium in Basle. They fell defiantly however with the roar of the international crowd behind the underdogs.

It was a tense game with anticipation of a wide Uruguayan victory but England's defiance and unexpected ability to counter the subtle Uruguayan penetration finally won the sympathy of the crowd after an unpromising start.

When Borges put Uruguay ahead in the fifth minute, with a smashing right foot shot on the turn, all the ghosts of Scotland's defeat at the hands of the South American's the previous Saturday began to stalk the same field.

But on the quarter hour, when Matthews brilliantly set Wilshaw free, his exacting pass was struck home by Lofthouse to put England level and foreboding gave way to a small candle of hope.

From that moment it was a duel in the sun with England moving into open attack. Maspoli with his fingertips, miraculously denied Lofthouse a goal close in from a Broadis pass and Wilshaw shot inches wide of an open goal.

England could have been ahead but six minutes from the interval it was Uruguay who stole the lead. An undisciplined tackle on Abadic by Byrne, a free kick by Santamaria, and there was Varela, the giant

centre half, to hit a rising shot past Merricks right hand from 25 yards.

Two minutes into the second half Uruguay struck for a third time, although it should have been prevented by Merrick, one could only have admiration for the speed of the build up. Another free kick against Byrne culminated in Schiaffino moving through an opening before sending a low shot past the ponderous Merrick.

With 25 minutes remaining the fire of the battle spurted up into full life again when a quick England attack saw Finney roll home a rebound from a Lofthouse shot.

Matthews then went for the equalizer himself and hit a stanchion of the Uruguay goal but the final decisive word fell to the South Americans ten minutes from time. Swift passing between Martinez and Miguez saw Ambrois hit their fourth goal with a low cross from 15 yards.

### TEAMS:

**England:** Merrick (Birmingham), Staniforth (Huddersfield), Byrne (Manchester Utd.), McGarry (Huddersfield), Wright (Wolves), Dickinson (Portsmouth), Matthews (Blackpool), Broadis (Manchester City), Lofthouse (Bolton), Walshaw (Wolves), Finney (Preston).

**Uruguay:** Maspoli, Santamaria, Martinez, Andrade, Varela, Cruz, Abadic, Ambrois, Miguez, Schiaffino, Borges.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW



## **DAVID SADLER** *ex Manchester United & England*

It was Matt. Busby who tempted David to move north and join the Old Trafford staff and he signed full professional forms on his 17th birthday. From then on things happened quickly for him after just a few Reserve games.

Explaining the situation David said, "United's season had ended with an F.A. Cup win over Leicester in '63 and the opening game of the following campaign was the Charity Shield v Everton and United got a hiding. Busby made changes and put me in the team at centre-forward."

It was some three or four seasons later that he started to play a deeper role and on one occasion whilst in Switzerland he was asked to play centre half. "I found the switch easy," he said, "because at the back you are generally facing the direction of play." It was as a defender that David made his name and completed some 300 appearances for the Reds including League and Cup games. He played in the victorious 1968 European Cup winning team when United became the first English team to lift the trophy, beating Benfica 4-1 after extra time. He said, "I cherish that medal and winning Europe was Busby's dream but I also have a 1967 Championship medal."

David was a member of England's 1970 World Cup squad in Mexico. He recalls, "Pele and all the greats played out there but George Best was the best player with whom I've played but there were other good players at United as well."

In 1973 David Sadler left United for a

four year spell with Preston. He said, "When Tommy Docherty arrived at Old Trafford we didn't see eye to eye and it was clear that there was no place for me. Bobby Charlton had taken charge at Preston and persuaded me to join him. There were advantages for me in so far that I didn't have to up root and I enjoyed the spell there."

David was eventually advised to stop playing due to a knee injury. He left the game and moved into Building Society business in 1977 and he has just recently relinquished the Branch Manager's post at the Liverpool branch of Leamington Spa Building Society. He admitted, "Unfortunately I couldn't take to working in Liverpool and I am now looking for a new challenge in the Manchester area as a representative or suchlike."

Besides his twelve years Building Society experience David can add some promotional knowledge as well. He plays a very active part for the Association of former Manchester United Players. He said, "We keep in touch with many ex players from the 1948 side, and teams of the 50's, 60's and 70's. We are well organised and usually hold four events per year such as Golf Days, Sportsman's Dinners and Dinner Dances."

Like many ex players it is only occasionally that David takes in a game and that's usually at Old Trafford. Tip for this year's Cup? "The Cup is always difficult to predict but I think United could go all the way this time" he concluded.



# Personality Profile.

## GARETH GRAY

Today we feature young Reserve goalkeeper Gareth Gray who was one of the heroes of the Lancashire Manx Cup win back in August. Gareth came in for the injured Dave Felgate in that crucial game against Rochdale, a game which decided which side went through to the Final of the competition. The score was all level at full time but Gareth became an instant hit with the Burnden faithful when he saved the Rochdale penalty that effectively put us through to the Final against Preston, in which we went on to win and secure the famous old trophy.

Gareth hails from Preston and attended Longridge High School and as well as playing for his school also played for Preston and Lancashire Schools. He progressed and played for the Lancashire F.A. U-18 side which lost in the Final at Southport to the Merseyside U-18 side. At this time he joined Blackburn as a non-contract player playing mainly in their A team, while serving his time as an apprentice printer working for C.G.A. Stationery, where he passed his full printing exams.]

He was first spotted by the Wanderers playing for the L.F.A. U-18 side by scout Verdi Godwin and enhanced his reputation even further with performances for Darwen in the First Division of the North West Counties.

Steve Carroll signed him non-contract last February for the Wanderers and he played for the Reserves until the end of the season when he then signed full professional for the Club after serving his printing apprenticeship. His form this season in the Reserves has been tremendous, doing his fair share of fine keeping which has helped to keep the side in the top three all season. He doesn't give too much away but adds, "I think we have a good chance of going up to Division 1 of the Central League if we can keep our early season form going until the end of season". He also commented on the good enthusiasm of the side, especially the 'gaffer' Phil Neal whenever he plays.

He names his family, (Dad Malcolm, Mum Rita and Brother Warren) as the biggest influences on his career so far, especially his Dad, who never misses a game involving Gareth.

The Hawthorns, home of West Brom is the best away ground he has played on and he names ex West Brom star Tony Morley as the hardest opponent he has faced. Mick Jeffreys is the player for the future and the obvious highlight of his career so far is that memorable debut he made for the first team against Rochdale in the Manx Cup.

Young Gareth keeps busy in his spare time by taking 'A' level Economics, which he got arranged via the P.F.A., who do all they can to help players with further education, etc. Snooker is also another pass-time that Gareth likes to have a go at in his social time.

He also praises senior keeper Dave Felgate, who always has time with advice and helpful hints to improve Gareth's game and states, "If I am ever struggling with any aspect of my game, Dave is always there to help and encourage."

It's good to know that Dave is being pushed in competition at the Club and regulars who come down to watch the Reserves know that young Gareth is certainly a player who has a big future in the game.



# LEAGUE SCENE

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Wolves .....	28	12	2	0	40	12	6	5	3	23	17	61
Port Vale .....	28	10	2	2	34	12	6	4	4	19	16	54
Bury .....	29	9	4	2	24	13	5	3	6	23	24	49
Swansea .....	28	9	5	1	24	12	4	4	5	14	16	48
Chester .....	28	9	3	2	25	12	5	3	6	19	29	48
Sheff Utd .....	25	10	0	2	34	11	4	4	5	22	20	46
Bristol R. ....	28	7	5	3	25	14	5	5	3	21	18	46
Preston .....	29	9	4	1	30	15	2	5	8	13	22	42
Fulham .....	29	8	5	2	30	19	4	1	9	16	28	42
Huddersfld ..	28	7	4	3	21	14	5	1	8	13	24	41
Blackpool .....	28	7	5	2	23	12	2	5	7	14	19	37
Reading .....	27	7	5	2	26	16	3	2	8	14	25	37
Bristol City ..	28	5	3	5	15	13	5	4	6	15	20	37
Brentford .....	26	8	2	3	20	12	1	7	5	14	19	36
Mansfield .....	28	6	5	3	20	13	2	7	5	11	18	36
Cardiff .....	26	7	4	2	21	10	2	4	7	9	24	35
Bolton .....	29	7	4	3	26	15	2	3	10	9	25	34
Northmptn ..	29	7	0	7	27	22	3	2	10	15	29	32
Notts Cnty ..	28	3	7	4	18	17	4	3	7	12	19	31
Wigan .....	29	5	3	7	17	17	2	5	7	16	23	29
Southend .....	28	5	6	3	18	15	2	2	10	14	36	29
Chesterfld ..	28	5	3	6	19	23	3	1	10	9	33	28
Aldershot .....	29	4	3	7	17	20	1	5	9	11	33	23
Gillingham .....	29	3	2	9	12	20	3	1	11	13	29	21

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### AUGUST

27	Southend Utd.	A	02	4,075	Felgate
30	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	H	10	3,535	Felgate

### SEPTEMBER

3	Cardiff City	H	4.0	4,831	Felgate
6	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	A	1-3	3,784	Felgate
10	Reading	A	1-1	4,650	Felgate
17	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1	4,821	Felgate
20	Fulham (Tues)	H	3-2	4,289	Felgate
24	Aldershot	A	3-0	2,127	Felgate

### OCTOBER

1	Sheffield	H	20	9,345	Felgate
4	Swansea City (Tues)	A	01	3,283	Felgate
8	Blackpool	H	22	7,106	Felgate
15	Port Vale	A	12	7,985	Felgate
22	Wolverhampton W.	H	12	8,174	Felgate
25	Wigan Ath. (Tues)	A	1-1	4,438	Felgate
29	Chesterfield	H	50	4,783	Felgate

### NOVEMBER

5	Bristol City	A	1-1	8,808	Felgate
8	Huddersfield T. (Tues)	A	10	7,802	Felgate
12	Bury	H	2-4	7,897	Felgate
19	Chesterfield(FA Cup/1st)	H	00	4,840	Felgate
26	Northampton T.	H	21	4,446	Felgate
28	Chesterfield(FA Cup replay)	A	3-2	4,168	Felgate

### DECEMBER

3	Brentford	A	0-3	4,600	Felgate
6	Preston N.E. (Tue.)	H	10	2,885	Felgate
10	Port Vale (FA Cup/2nd)	H	12	7,499	Felgate
17	Chester City	H	01	4,318	Felgate
20	Bury (Sherpa Van Try)(Tue)	A	01	2,023	Felgate
26	Preston N.E. (Mon)	A	1-3	12,124	Felgate
31	Notts County	A	02	5,096	Felgate

### JANUARY 1989

2	Mansfield T. (Mon)	H	00	4,936	Felgate
6	Gillingham (F.A.3)(Fri.)	H	21	4,178	Felgate
14	Cardiff City	A	01	4,212	Felgate
17	Preston NE (Sherpa Van)(Tue)	A	10	5,569	Felgate
21	Reading	H	1-1	5,172	Felgate
28	Bristol Rovers (F.A.4)	A	02	5,311	Felgate

### FEBRUARY

4	Sheffield Utd.	A	0-4	11,162	Felgate
11	Swansea City	H	10	4,178	Felgate
18	Blackpool	A	02	5,552	Felgate
21	Wrexham (SVT Q/F)(Tue)	H	3-1	3,833	Felgate
25	Port Vale	H			
28	Wigan Ath. (Tues.)	H			

### MARCH

4	Wolverhampton W.	A			
11	Bristol City	H			
14	Chesterfield (Tues)	A			
18	Southend	H			
25	Mansfield T.	A			
27	Preston N.E. (Mon)	H			

### APRIL

1	Chester City	A			
4	Gillingham (Tues)	A			
8	Notts County	H			
15	Fulham (F.A.SF)	A			
18	Northampton (Tues)	A			
22	Aldershot	H			
29	Bury	A			

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## TODAY'S REFEREE

### G. R. ASHBY (Worcester)

Mr. Ashby commenced refereeing in the Worcester & District Football League in 1972 and progressed through the West Midlands Regional League, through to the Football League List of Officials in 1982. Important matches officiated in include Linesman for Portugal v Sweden in 1986. He is married with one daughter and hobbies include Do-It-Yourself and Gardening.

**NEXT HOME GAME: BOLTON WANDERERS v WIGAN ATH.  
TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1989.**

## TODAY'S MASCOTS ARE

**NICHOLA HUGHES**, who is 14 years old and lives in Prestwich, Manchester.

### AND

**ABDUL PATEL**, who lives in Halliwell. Favourite player is Gary Brown.

## TODAYS LINE-UP

# BOLTON WANDERERS

## WHITE SHIRTS & BLUE SHORTS

1. DAVE FELGATE
2. PHIL BROWN
3. BARRY COWDRILL
4. ~~ROBBIE SAVAGE~~
5. DEAN CROMBIE
6. MARK WINSTANLEY
7. STUART STORER
8. STEVE THOMPSON
9. TREVOR MORGAN
10. MIKE JEFFREY
11. JULIAN DARBY
12. JOHN THOMAS
14. GARY HENSHAW

**TODAY'S OFFICIALS**  
**REFEREE: G. R. ASHBY**  
**LINESMEN: P. NEWALL**  
**R. R. RAWSON**

## PORT VALE

## YELLOW SHIRTS & GREEN SHORTS

1. MARK GREW
2. SIMON MILLS
3. DARREN HUGHES
4. RAY WALKER
5. ALAN WEBB
6. DEAN GLOVER
7. ANDY PORTER
8. ROBBIE EARLE
9. RON FUTCHER
10. DARREN BECKFORD
11. DAVID RILEY
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